

531 Rec'd PCT.

13 SEP 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Siegfried Schweidler, Timothy Heighway, Klaus Gaedke

Filed : Herewith

For : METHOD FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF DATA  
RECEIVED VIA A DATA BUS, AND APPARATUS  
FOR CARRYING OUT THE METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Box PCT

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the US national phase application of PCT/EP00/02182 filed  
herewith, please enter the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, line 3, insert the following paragraph:

-- This application claims the benefit of German serial no. 19913585.1  
filed March 25, 1999 which is hereby incorporated herein by reference, and which  
claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 365 of International Application  
PCT/EP00/02182, filed March 13, 2000, which was published in accordance with  
PCT Article 21(2) on October 5, 2000 in English.--